

NEWS RELEASE

Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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FARMINGTON CANYON ROAD CLOSURE

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Type III Incident Management Team (IMT) resumed management of the Farmington Fire at 8:00 a.m. on July 17, 2003. Management strategy for the Farmington Fire for the next few days is to work one 20-person crew and three helicopters, doing bucket work to eliminate hotspots on the east flank. The fire remains at 1,935 acres and 95% contained. Continued smoke and occasional torching may be observed within the fire perimeter for the next few weeks.

Progress by firefighters on the Farmington fire has prompted the Forest Service to reduce the area and road restrictions. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 19, 2003 the following roads will be open:

Farmington Canyon Road (007) from its intersection with the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the Francis Peak Road (009) and Skyline Drive Road (008).

The only road that remains closed is the Farmington Canyon Road from its intersection with the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the Francis Peak Road and Skyline Drive Road.

The following National Forest Areas will remain closed:

Starting at the Wasatch-Cache Forest Boundary at Shepard Canyon, east to the Francis Peak Road, than south along the Francis Peak Road and Skyline Drive Road to the top of Steed Canyon, then west down Steed Canyon to the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Boundary to Shepard Canyon.

Both Sunset and Bountiful Peak Campgrounds will be closed until further notice.

The Bountiful Peak Summer Home Area will be open, but can only be accessed by going up Ward Canyon to Skyline Drive to the Summer Home Area and exiting along Skyline Drive down through Ward Canyon.

Forest visitors are reminded that a fire restriction is in effect on all National Forest land as described below:

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Fishlake National Forest: All Ranger Districts

Manti-LaSal National Forest: All Ranger Districts

Uinta National Forest: All Ranger Districts

Wasatch-Cache National Forest: All Ranger Districts, except areas within the High Uinta Wilderness

The restriction prohibits setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using fire of any kind, including charcoal fires, unless an exemption is provided.

No Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, camp trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared to mineral soil.

This will be the last update on the Farmington Fire until it is 100% contained and controlled.

For more information about the Farmington Fire or the current fire restrictions you can call the Wasatch-Cache National Forest at (801) 524-3909 or log onto www.utahfireinfo.gov

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